

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 5A

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

They are happy who do God's will, who seek God with all their hearts.  
Directed by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

#### Reader

1. For all members of the Church;  
that with sincerity and conviction  
we will bear faithful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For governments and all who serve in politics;  
may God direct them to abolish injustice between the different races,  
that all peoples may live in harmony and equality.
3. For all who are harassed, excluded, or mistrusted  
because of their ethnic background;  
that we who follow Christ will build a just and open society.
4. For all who are troubled in mind or spirit;  
that they will know the healing power of Christ.
5. For the faithful departed:  
those who have died recently, and all whose anniversary we keep;  
that God will welcome them into their eternal reward.
6. We ask Mary, Mother of our Risen Lord, to intercede for us with her Son:  
Hail, Mary....

#### Priest

God of justice,  
you adorned the human race  
with a marvellous diversity,  
and you clothed each of its members  
with a dignity that may never be diminished.  
Instil in us respect for that dignity,  
that we may always champion for others  
the justice we seek for ourselves.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.